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SUBJECT: EXPERTS WORKING GROUP ON SOVIET UNION AND
EASTERN EUROPE

1. THOUGH WE EARLIER AGREED TO REDUCE SCHEDULE FOR SOVIET UNION-EASTERN EUROPE EXPERTS MEETING TO FOUR DAYS, FROM NOVEMBER 5-8, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SOUNDING OUT OTHER DELEGATIONS ON POSSIBILITY OF RETURNING TO NORMAL FIVE-DAY PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD CALL FOR START OF FORTHCOMING MEETING ON NOVEMBER 4.

2. WE WOULD PREFER TO BEGIN THIS FALL'S DISCUSSIONS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, IN ANY CASE, AND WE SEE MERIT IN REACHING CONSENSUS THAT SOVIET-EASTERN EUROPE EXPERTS SESSIONS REGULARLY BEGIN ON A MONDAY--LEAVING FLEXIBILITY FOR TALKS TO CONTINUE INTO A FIFTH DAY, FRIDAY, IF CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

3. SHOULD CHANGE OF NOVEMBER SCHEDULE PROVE IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS POINT, YOU SHOULD NONETHELESS REQUEST SUPPORT OF OTHER DELEGATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL STAFF FOR MAKING
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AVAILABLE EARLY NOVEMBER 4 ALL NATIONAL PAPERS SCHEDULED

FOR PRESENTATION IN ORDER THAT US REPS MAY FULLY
FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES PRIOR TO OFFICIAL OPENING OF
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